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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Briefed Durgen + Bundy.  
Mr. Bundy said to leave  
the decision up to you.  
Mr. Cousins: whether one  
or both messages are to  
be sent.

Enclosed is a suggested reply to Chairman Khrushchev's and Chairman Brezhnev's New Year's message of December 30 to the President. The Department of State poses no objection to the transmission in addition of the more personal message to Chairman Khrushchev drafted in the White House in response to a Khrushchev message to the President which we understand was transmitted through Mr. Norman Cousins. However, we believe that our suggested text would be a more appropriate official response.

We will be pleased to telegraph either or both messages upon receipt of your instructions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. H. Brubbeck".

William H. Brubbeck  
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Unofficial translation of  
Soviet message.
3. Russian Text of Soviet  
message.